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SUBJECT: OAU MEETINGS AND LAW OF SEA

1. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO CLARIFY WHAT OAU MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETINGS OR SUMMIT MEETING SCHEDULED OR CONTEMPLATED BETWEEN NOW AND SCHEDULED BUT DATELESS MID-1977 OAU SUMMIT IN LIBREVILLE. DEPT. ALSO WISHES TO KNOW IF LAW OF SEA MATTERS ON AGENDA OF ANY OF THESE AFRICAN MEETINGS. NEEDED ARE LOCATION, SUBJECT OF MEETING, AND PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES.

2. OAU MEETINGS HAVE PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO PREPARATIONS FOR MAY 1977 SESSION OF LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK. DEPT. HAS UNCONFIRMED REPORT FROM CANADIAN EMBASSY HERE THAT AN OAU MEETING AT LAGOS CONTEMPLATED SOON AT WHICH LOS
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MATTERS WOULD BE ADDRESSED. AS THIS OR OTHER SUCH MEETINGS

COULD PRODUCE CONSOLIDATED AFRICAM AND GROUP OF 77 POSITIONS ON COMMITTEE ONE (DEEP SEABEDS) BEFORE PLANNED EVENSEN GROUP MEETING OF A SMALL GROUP OF DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS ON COMMITTEE ONE MATTERS IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH, US MOST DESIROUS OF TALKING WITH AFRICANS BEFORE THEY CONSOLIDATE POSITIONS.

3. IN ADDITION TO OAU ECOOMIC AFFAIRS MEETING NOW UNDERWAY IN KINSHASA, DEPT. AWARE OF FOLLOWING SCHEDULED OR PROJECTED MEETINGS:

- JANUARY OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING;

- FEBRUARY ECA CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS IN KINSHASA;

- POSSIBLE OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING IN MAURITIUS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA IN EARLY 1977;

- POSSIBLE EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT MEETING ON SAHARA IN MARCH OR APRIL 1977;

- MARCH OAU-ARAB LEAGUE SUMMIT; AND

- MID-1977 OAU SUMMIT AT LIBREVILLE

4. DEPT. WILL REPEAT YOUR RESPONSE TO ALL OAU CAPITALS. KISSINGER

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